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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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SUBJECT

Bye laws of municipal Committees

To The DC Kolar
no ml 65449 & 325
Sanctions the abolition of octroi duty in
Srinivasapur municipality

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From the Dy Comm, Kolar Dt
No 2DC 1970/24-25 dt 9/2/1925
Forwards the records relating to the abolition of octroi on sugar & jaggery in the Chickballapur town, recommends that the resolution of the Mk Cl re its abolition may be sanctioned and states that instructions will be issued to explore some other unobjectionable sources of revenue

1 Copy of letter of No 29 dt January 1925 from the President of the Mk Cl to the Dy Comm explains the situation clearly

2) The finances of the Municipality do not appear to be very satisfactory as is seen from the following facts

1 It is stated in the Admn Report for 1923-24 that the closing balance was Rs 10001-9-11

2 It is also stated in another case where a reappropriation has been suggested for sanction that the Cash balance at the credit of the Board on 31-10-1924 was Rs 6294-4-1

3 The closing balance anticipated at the end of the year is Rs 6025/-

It is seen that effect was

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was given to the imposition of the tax from 5-6-1923, and proposed to be suspended for 1923-24 and subsequently ordered the recovery. The amount so collected under the head is nowhere mentioned. The present proposal is to abolish a tax, and no definite information is given regarding the imposition of a new tax, except that mention is made of the revision of house tax at a later indefinite period. Dy Comd recommendation is subject for orders. Two objections with subject accept as reqd.

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The levy of octroi on sugar & gur was ordered in April 1923 was given effect to on June 1923. But in Jan 1924 proposals were submitted for its suspension this was not allowed as it was considered that sufficient time had not elapsed to judge of the effects of levy on trade. It is now proposed to abolish the tax altogether, though no statistics showing the extent to which the trade has been affected are given. The Resident of the Hyd Contgt considers this as undesirable until the Hyd Govt attempts to augment the resources left short by effecting a revision of the house tax.

The Agent to the Governor

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the abolition of the levy as there is strong public feeling as it is likely to have an injurious effect on the trade & prosperity of the Town & adds that the Municipal Council will be asked to find out other unobjectionable sources of revenue

5 Under sec 4(1) of the Bengal Municipal Act, the power to levy octroi is vested in the Municipality.

6 As the people are not in favour of the levy of octroi on the 2 articles in question & this is supported by the Municipal Council & the D.C., the abolition is for consideration

L & L Secy) 28/2

2nd number) 27/2

7 May be abolished

D.C. 26/2

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8 Draft notification 26/2

9 Draft letter for approval

Mr 25/2 3325 L & L Secy) 27/2

appd 28/2

Done 6/3

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No L 6524 of 9 3 25 To the Kolar
Secretary the resolution of the Chickballapur
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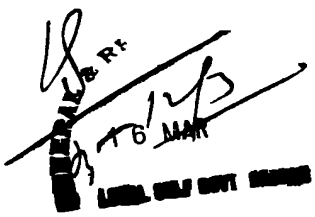

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No. Rec, 1970/24-25 — Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Encs. Kolar District

Dated Kolar, the 6th February *192* 5

From

S HIRIANNAIYA, Esq, M.A, B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District

To

B Nagappa, Esq., Bar-at-Law,
Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Local & Legislative Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Rev 61-24-46

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of the Chikballapur Municipal President's letter No:302/24-25 dated 29-1-25 together with the file of papers received with it relating to the abolition of Octroi duty on Sugar and Jaggory in Chikballapur town.

2. The Municipal Council have resolved to abolish the duty. I am also in favour of the abolition as there is a strong public feeling not altogether unreasonable that the duty on Sugar and Jaggory and the levy of tolls should be abolished as both are likely to have an injurious effect on the trade and propperity of the town. Further the duty is partly of the nature of transit duties

3 Necessary instructions will be issued to the Municipal Council to explore other unobjectionable sources of revenue to augment their income In the meanwhile, I think it is necessary to afford relief to the public by the abolition of the duty in question and early sanction of Government may kindly be obtained in the matter

I have the honor to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

Treasury Assistant Commissioner,
For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

V.V.R.

Letter No:302/24-25 dated 29-1-25 from the Town Municipal President, Chikballapur, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District

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I have the honor to address you on the desirability or otherwise of abolishing the levy of octroi duty on Sugar and Jaggory imported into the limits of the Chikballapur Municipality

2 From a perusal of the enclosed file of papers on the subject, it will be seen that the question of levying this duty was taken up by the Council in the year 1922 and a notice was published in the Mysore Gazette on the 12-7-1922 announcing the proposed levy and calling for objections against the same Some of the citizens of Chikballapur presented a petition on the 3-8-1922 putting forward the following objections against the levy of the duty in question

1 that the import of sugar and jaggory into the town would be diminished by the levy of the du y & that the merchants would be put to loss thereby

ii That it was not desirable to introduce a fresh ~~tank~~ tax in the shape of duty on sugar and jaggory in addition to the income-tax and profession tax already levied,

iii that this duty which was in force before was abolished 15 years ago and it was not desirable to introduce it again,

iv that the Municipality had a closing balance of Rs 30/- to 40 thousand and that there was no need to augment its income by the introdu-ction of any fresh taxes, and

v that it was not desirable to introduce fresh taxes at a time when the people were already impoverished as a result of high prices due to war and famine

3 The above objections were placed be ore the Municipal Council at their meeting held on the 24-4-1922 and it was resolved that the levy of the duty on sugar and jaggory at 6 pies per maund should be apporoved and sanction of Government obtained for the same A recommendation was accordingly sent up in September 22 and Government were pleased to sanction the levy in their order No L 6979/ML 69-22-54 dated the April 1923 and effect was given to the same from the 5th June 1923

4 Some of the merchants of Chikballapur thereupon submitted petitions on the 3rd June 23 and 15-12-23 praying for the abolition of the duty as its levy had seriously affected their trade These petitions were placed before the Council at their meeting held on the 20-12-23 and it was resolved that the tax might be suspended for the year 23-24 and sanction of Government sought for the suspension The tax was accordingly suspended from the 4th January 1924 in anticipation of sanctio

and the file of papers was sent up to you for further action

5 In subritting the matter for the orders of Government, you were pleased to express the view that it would not be in the interests of Municipality to give up their sources of income with a view to sat a few of the local merchants The Government thereupon passed an in G O No L 7525/Ml 121-23-2 dated the 21-3-24 to the effect that, as the Octroi duty on sugar and jaggory was levied very recently and as sufficient time has not elapsed to judge of its effect upon trade, G manu regretted that they were not prepared to approve of the resolut of the Municipal Council Action was thereupon ordered to be taken to cover the arrears of tax that had been suspended for a time

6 The Mundy merchants again came forwarded with a petition on 1st June 24 stating that the levy of duty on sugar and jaggory having been suspended in anticipation f Government sanction, the actual sell of these stuffs had escaped the duty and it was not practicable to get at them now and that therefore it was not equitable to recover the duty from the mundy merchants who merely acted as brokers This reque having been placed before the Council at thar meeting held on the 5-6 it was resolved that a recommendation be made to Government for the arrears due being written off the account But action was not taken in direction as it was found on an examination of the accounts of some of the merchants that they had actually profitted themselves by recoveri the tax from the dealers

7 ith the approach of another season for the manufa of jaggory and sugar, the merchants have renewed their efforts by pres enting a petition on the 19-12-24 praying for the abolition of the dut This petition was placed before the Council at their meeting held on 18 25 and it was resolved that the levy of the duty may be abolished A c of the resolution is submitted herewith for favour of transmission to Government with such recommendations as you may deem fit to make in th circumstances of the case Having regard to the fact that the financial condition of the Council is not in a very satisfactory condition just and it has been proposed in another connection that a re-appropr tion of Rs 5,000 may be sanctioned out of the closing balance of Rs 6,0 which is itself less than the prescribed minimum working balance, it does appear desirable in the interests of the Municopality to abo

the tax until attempts are made for augmenting the resources of th Council by tapping fresh sources of revenue such as the revision of the house tax which has remained stationary for several years past

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Proceedings of the 6th Ordinary meeting of the own Municipal Council, Chikballapur held on 16-1-25

Present

D C SUBBARAYAPPA, Esq ,B A , B I ,
President

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15 Read petition from mundi merchants of the Town praying for the abolition of Octroi duty on sugar and jaggery

Resolution - may be recommended for abolition

x x x

D C SUBB RAYAPPA,
President,
Town Municipal Council, Chikballapur

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C Ramachandra Rao

For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District

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SUBJECT .... Introduction of the Levy of Octroi on Jaggery from the Chitaldrug District

Diary No. of letter replied to 5126.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 7.3.25

Signed by [illegible]

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May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

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Serial No 70

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read

1) GO no L6979/Rev 61-22-549 dtd 9/4/24 sanctioning the Levy of octroi duty on Jaggery imported into the Chitaldrug Town

2) GO no: L 7523/Rev 121-23-2 dtd 21/3/25 stating that the resolution of the Chitaldrug Municipal Council could not be approved as sufficient time had not elapsed to judge its effect on the trade.

3 Correspondence ending with letter no 1970/24-25 dtd 6th Feby 1925 on the subject

Order no [illegible]

It is observed that the Merchants of Clitheroe have renewed their efforts to have the duty on Sugar & Saffron abolished and the resolution of the Council held on 16th January 1525 was in favour of the abolition of the duty

On a representation made by the Municipal Council by the local Merchants, the Council have at the meeting held on the 16th of January 1525 resolved to abolish the duty on the articles in question

Her Dy Council Mr Clare & Mr Ashton recommend that the abolition of the duty be carried out as they are informed that there is strong public feeling in favour of its abolition and that the State Council will be advised to explore other objectionable sources of revenue to augment their income

2 In these circumstances I do not think that the action of the duty on Sugar & Saffron referred to above be abolished

3 The Municipal Council should take early steps to improve their resources by increasing their taxes

(Their Hons)

I have the honour to be Sir Your obedient servant

To Dy Comm Kilaire & Mr Ashton

List of enclosures

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